



ABOUT US

Founded in 2017, the Women Empowerment Centre (WEC) in Kirtipur, Nepal, is a non-profit organization dedicated to transforming the lives of marginalized women, girls, and gender-diverse individuals. By fostering economic independence, social inclusion, and environmental stewardship, WEC empowers communities to challenge systemic inequalities and create sustainable futures.

Through innovative programs like vocational training in eco-friendly crafts, leadership development, and advocacy for gender justice, WEC equips participants with the skills and confidence to lead and thrive. A cornerstone of its efforts is the pioneering Analog Forestry initiative, which restores degraded land while centering women as leaders in ecological conservation and climate resilience.

WEC's holistic approach addresses economic disparity, gender-based discrimination, and climate justice. It serves marginalized women from low-income and Indigenous communities, youth, and gender-diverse individuals, providing opportunities to achieve financial independence, advocate for their rights, and lead in environmental stewardship.

With partnerships spanning local and international organizations, WEC envisions a just and inclusive society where empowered women lead sustainable development and climate solutions in Nepal and beyond.

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VISIT FROM MAYOR OF MADHYABINDU MUNICIPALITY TO BANANA FIBER EXTRACTION CENTER AT PARSAUNI

On January 5, Bheemlal Adhikari, Mayor of Madhyabindu Municipality, conducted a field visit to observe the ongoing Banana fiber extraction in Ward No. 15, Prasauni, Nawalpur. The program, aimed at poverty alleviation through skill-based entrepreneurship, is being organized by Madhyabindu Municipality in partnership with Women Empowerment Centre (WEC), Kirtipur.



During the visit, participants shared their learning experiences from the training. After completing the training phase, they are now actively engaged in extracting banana fiber and producing yarn, which is further used to create value-added products such as bags, mats, and other handmade items. Geeta Dongol Maharjan, Chairperson of WEC, highlighted the potential of this skill in generating sustainable livelihoods and promoting local enterprise.



Addressing the participants, Mayor Adhikari expressed his appreciation for the initiative and emphasized the importance of linking such skill-based programs with schools. He suggested that integrating vocational skills into the education system could empower students from an early age and enhance their future opportunities. He also committed to providing continued support to strengthen and expand the program. The visit reaffirmed the municipality's commitment to promoting skill development, entrepreneurship, and inclusive economic growth at the local level.

OPENING OF 3 MONTHS MOTHER AND BABY DRESS TRAINING PROGRAM

Three months mother and baby dress training program, which began on January 18, is now nearing its successful completion. With the participation of 10 dedicated women, the program focused on building practical skills in tailoring, including sewing baby dresses, mother gowns, and traditional cholo. Training is being facilitated by Amkan Karmacharya and assistant trainer Indira Kunwar Khadka. Throughout the fellowship, participants engaged in hands-on learning, strengthening both their technical abilities and confidence to pursue income-generating opportunities. As the program concludes, it marks a meaningful step toward empowering women with sustainable skills and entrepreneurial potential.



VISIT TO WOMEN GROUP



On January 17, a visit was conducted to community level women's groups where Women Empowerment Centre (WEC) shared information about its ongoing and upcoming programs. This interaction created a valuable space for dialogue, helping to strengthen mutual understanding while fostering collaboration and encouraging more active participation from the groups.

WOMENS DAY CELEBRATION AT WOMEN EMPOWERMENT CENTRE



This Women's Day, we came together with our amazing members at the WEC Hall for a joyful and meaningful celebration filled with team-building activities and experience sharing. The session created a safe and supportive space where participants openly shared their journeys their challenges, achievements, and lessons learned along the way. Through interactive activities, we strengthened trust, collaboration, and a sense of sisterhood, reminding us of the power of collective growth. The energy, laughter, and inspiring stories made the day truly special and impactful. Moments like these continue to reinforce our mission of empowering women, building strong networks, and creating opportunities for everyone to thrive together.

OPENING OF 3 MONTH WOMEN ENTREPRENEUR FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM



The Women Empowerment Centre (WEC) successfully inaugurated its 3-month Women Entrepreneur Fellowship Program on 18th March at Mangal Multiple Campus, with the participation of 30 aspiring women entrepreneurs. The opening session was honored by the gracious presence of Pukar Maharjan, Honorable Member of the Bagmati Province Assembly whose encouragement inspired the participants. This hybrid fellowship program, combining both online and offline sessions, is supported by the Social Development Office under Bagmati Province and implemented in collaboration with Mauri Venture, with Mangal Multiple Campus as the venue partner. The session introduced participants to the program structure, objectives, and key learning areas, while also fostering connection and motivation for the three-month journey ahead.

The fellowship classes have been progressing smoothly, with active participation and strong engagement

VISIT FROM KANTHARI TO WEC OFFICE

It was indeed a great honor to receive the members of the Kanthari Foundation at the Women Empowerment Centre (WEC) on the 24th of March 2026. Their collaboration and continuous support have been vital towards our success, especially in empowering women through their 9-month skill development training and financial literacy program. This is a testament to our dedication in growing a future filled with more grassroots change makers.

Moreover, we had the chance to take part in an enriching field trip at the Banana Fiber Project in Nawalparasi, along with our analog forestry program. This provided us with valuable insight into the tangible effects of our projects in ensuring a sustainable and prosperous future.



ROOTS OF RESILIENCE

The "Roots of Resilience" workshop was successfully conducted on the 28th March, 2082, by the Women Empowerment Centre (WEC) in partnership with SANGAT Nepal. The workshop served as an environment where women from grassroots organizations could gather and exchange their personal accounts of gender discrimination while simultaneously developing their inner power through healthy discussions and support among themselves. The theme of the discussion revolved around stories of resistance, resilience, and solidarity. In addition to discussions, the program also involved a trip to the Analog Forest with the assistance of Jalabinayak Community Forest User Group, who partnered with the WEC as the venue provider.



PARTICIPATION ON DIFFERENT STALLS

WEC participated in the Flea Market at Dhokaima Café on January 10, 2026, showcasing its products and initiatives through an engaging stall that connected with visitors and promoted women-led entrepreneurship. In addition, a regular stall was also set up at Chya Centre every Friday throughout the month of January, providing continuous opportunities for participants to present and sell their products.

These stall participations offered valuable hands-on experience in marketing, customer interaction, and sales, while also helping participants build confidence and strengthen their entrepreneurial skills through real market exposure.



WEC SELECTED FOR SPARK UP INITIATIVE 2026 FELLOWSHIP

We are proud to share that Women Empowerment Centre (WEC) has been selected as a 2026 Fellow for the Spark Up Initiative, a global capacity-building program designed to empower women-led organizations through fundraising expertise, grant writing skills, mentorship, and strong peer networks.

This opportunity marks a significant milestone for WEC, as the fellowship will strengthen our organizational capacity and enhance our ability to design and implement impactful programs. The knowledge and skills gained through this initiative will directly contribute to scaling our sustainable projects and advancing our broader mission of women's empowerment. Through this fellowship, WEC aims to refine its strategies, expand partnerships, and create greater impact in supporting women entrepreneurs and promoting sustainable livelihoods.

Our 2026 Fellows



Andrea Narváez



Geeta Dangol



Kumbirai Kahiya



Lara Rowland

CROCHET TRAINING UPDATE

The crochet training sessions are continuing regularly every Monday and Thursday, with active and enthusiastic participation from all participants. The consistent engagement reflects their growing interest and commitment to learning, as they continue to develop their skills and creativity through hands-on practice. Some of the participant has already started earning by making small items like key ring and hair tie. With the year-end vacation ongoing, children have also joined the training, adding energy and excitement to the sessions while learning basic crochet techniques and engaging in creative expression.



UPDATE ON ANALOG FOREST

The Analog Forest initiative continues to progress steadily, promoting sustainable land use and environmental conservation through community engagement. Ongoing activities include plantation care, monitoring of plant growth, and strengthening awareness on biodiversity and eco-friendly practices. The site is also serving as a learning space, where participants and visitors gain practical insights into sustainable forestry, climate resilience, and nature-based livelihoods, reinforcing WEC's commitment to environmental sustainability.

The Analog Forest initiative is increasingly focusing on nursery development and sapling production as a pathway toward economic sustainability. Efforts are being made to grow a diverse range of saplings for commercial purposes, ensuring both environmental conservation and income generation.



TAKE ACTION. EMPOWER WOMEN. CREATE CHANGE.

Your support can transform lives. By supporting the Women Empowerment Centre (WEC), you help women gain practical skills, confidence, and opportunities for financial independence. Through skill-based trainings and entrepreneurship support, WEC enables women to build sustainable livelihoods and stronger futures for themselves and their families. Every contribution supports training materials, skilled instructors, and continued guidance that helps women turn skills into income. When women are empowered, communities thrive. Stand with WEC today support women, strengthen communities, and create lasting impact.